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Legend of Santa Claus originated in 4th century

By Tina Holston
Editor In Chief

Every year at this time small children wait in line at the mall to sit on the lap of jolly, old Santa Claus and tell him what gifts they want for Christmas; meanwhile the bigger kids stand back and laugh because they know there is no such thing as Santa. What those children, and many adults, don't realize is that the legendary American figure who traditionally brings gifts to children at Christmas harks back to a historical person, Saint Nicholas, who was a fourth-century bishop of Myra in what is now Turkey.

Little is known about the life of Saint Nicholas, but according to the Encyclopedia Americana, "He was elected bishop while still a very young man. He secretly provided three bags of gold as the dowry for three sisters, the daughters of an impoverished merchant, saving them from shame and slavery."

One of the bags of gold, which he tossed through a window at night, happened to fall into a stocking hung by the chimney to dry. The custom of hanging Christmas stockings is said by some to have originated in this way.

He was a very popular saint among Eastern Christians, says the Americana, and his cult was introduced into Germany by the Byzantine princess Theophano. It spread to England, where some 400 churches were dedicated to him. "In the west, Saint Nicholas became known as the patron saint of children, apparently through some fanciful elaborations of his kindness to the three sisters."

The custom of giving gifts on a special day in winter was practiced before Christianity was founded, according to the World Book Encyclopedia. "But after Christianity was well established, Saint Nicholas became a symbol of the custom among Christians."

During the Reformation of the 1500s, Protestants substituted nonreligious characters for Saint Nicholas. In England, says World Book, the saint was replaced by a gentleman called Father Christmas. This character was called Père Noël in France and Weihnachtsmann in Germany.

The people of the Netherlands were especially fond of Saint Nicholas. The first Dutch settlers who came to America had a figure of Saint Nicholas on the front of their ship, says the World Book Encyclopedia. The Dutch settlers, it says, maintained their custom of celebrating the saint's feast day on Dec. 6.

They told their children that the saint visited their homes and left gifts for the children on Saint Nicholas Eve. In time, English settlers adopted the legends and festivities associated with Saint Nicholas.

"English-speaking children spoke the Dutch name for the saint, Sinterklaas, quickly and excitedly so that it sounded like Santy Claus or Santa Claus. Eventually, Santa Claus became the most commonly used name and was gradually associated with Christmas.

Until the 1800s, people pictured Saint Nicholas as a tall, thin, stately man who wore bishop's robes and rode a white horse. In 1809, the American author Washington Irving, probably influenced by the dutch origins, described Saint Nicholas in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," as a rotund, jolly figure, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and smoking a long-stemmed pipe.

The current popular image of Santa Claus owes much to Clement C. Moore's poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823. Moore calls his Saint Nicholas "a right jolly old elf," and the diminutive size and supernatural powers of elves are displayed in coming down the chimneys and bringing presents to all, says Collier's Encyclopedia.

"It was Moore who added the reindeer and sleigh, the twinkling eye, and the 'laying a finger aside his nose'; and the saint's visit takes place on Christmas Eve."

Thomas Nast, a political cartoonist, completed the popular picture of Santa Claus, in a cartoon in Harper's Illustrated Weekly in 1863. The broad-brimmed hat became a furry cap and Santa developed a white beard in Nast's illustrations.

Today, people in many parts of the world are familiar with the legend of Saint Nick; but he is primarily an American tradition. People in both North and South America celebrate Christmas with Saint Nicholas bringing gifts to children. People in most countries have adopted other imaginary characters who supposedly bring gifts on a

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The image of jolly, old Saint Nicholas is the outgrowth of several centries' traditions which melded here in the United States in the 19th century (See story left).

Photo by Mark Daley

Hearing held; senators cleared of all charges

By Jim Walker
Managing Editor

Charges against six members of IPFW's student government were dismissed last week after Marian Adair, dean of students, ruled the charges insubstantial.

Student body president Kristina Frazier-Henry, vice president John Weisenburger, and senators Scott Beineke, Victoria Vincent, Katie Grotrian and Mike Will were all charged with violations of the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct. The charges were filed by Mark Snyder, Nancy Barger and Sally Green—the senators now facing impeachment.

Beineke, Vincent, Grotrian and Will all serve on the internal affairs committee that has pushed for the impeachment of Snyder, Barger and Green.

The charges against the six government members included dishonest conduct, unauthorized taking or possession of IPFW property or services, harassment, hazing, physical abuse and several other rules violations.

Weisenburger said Adair's ruling was correct. "Marian said the charges had no substance and she dismissed all of it. It's clear to me that there wasn't ever a foundation for the claims in the first place."

Weisenburger said Snydar, Barger and Green's claims of age discrimination were ridiculous. "Just look at the student government. We have a great cross section of members of different ages and races."

"Their rights aren't being violated," Weisenburger said of the three. "They are only being charged with what they did."

If anyone's rights were violated, it was the six government members brought to trial last week, according to Weisenburger. "Our rights were neglected because we weren't given the specification of our charges. But we went ahead and defended ourselves," he said.

Weisenburger said Adair's ruling will help with the government's case against Snyder, Barger and Green. "This will definitely strengthen the case against them. It really hurts their defense," said Weisenburger.

The impeachment trial has been pushed back from the original Dec. 15 date. Student government's judicial court is expected to announce a new date soon.

Local groups work to reduce seasonal mishaps

Holiday revellers who pace themselves within the old rubric of "one drink per hour" are jeopardizing their own health, according to federal dietary guidelines released late last year.

The guidelines advise Americans who choose to drink that they may do so in "moderation" without causing short- or long-term health and safety consequences for themselves or others. Moderation, defined by last year's Dietary Guidelines for Americans, is one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men.

Drinkers also may be igniting the chemical mixture that brings harm not only to themselves but those around them if they happen to find themselves behind the wheel of a car. Last year 2,134 alcohol-related traffic fatalities occurred in the country between Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve.

That's far too many tragedies, say the organizers of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, Dec. 7 through 13, who hope to spread the message that impaired drivers are neither welcome nor tolerated on America's roadways.

"The news is getting a little bit better," said William Bailey, director of the Prevention Resource Center at Indiana University. "During the 1980's, there was legislation that improved traffic fatality statistics somewhat. but for 1990 the last year we have complete statistics there were still more than 22,000 Americans who died in alcohol-related automobile crashes and another 360,000 injured in crashes involving alcohol impairment."

In Indiana, Bailey said, the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana is helping coordinate awareness week activities in different communities. Activities will include candlelight vigils for traffic victims, and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers will be conducting its red-ribbon campaign to call attention to the increase in alcohol and drug-related crashes.

"Even through the statistics for the entire month of December are down in relation to other months, the numbers for holiday weekend fatalities are very much increased," he said. "According to the National Safety council there is a 30-percent increase in traffic fatalities, and after midnight on New Year's Eve, there is usually a 64-percent increase in fatalities."

The governor's commission has set two legislative priorities for the coming session, Bailey said. It hopes to see the reduction of the legal definition of drunkenness decreased from .10 to .08-percent blood alcohol concentration or roughly 20 percent less alcohol in the bloodstream. The initiative was unsuccesstul last year.

"The rationale is that in laboratory experiments and in crash statistics analysis, we see a very definite increase in crash rates at BAC rates above even .04 percent. The idea is to gradually bring BAC down a little

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Lithuanian native tells of independence struggle

By Sarah Jakacky
Staff Writer

Lithuanian native Julius Smulkstys is now convinced that CNN news is seen everywhere, he said in the first of a three-part faculty lecture series last week. His lecture centered on Lithuanian and Eastern Europe spanning from the beginnings of the independence movement through present day. Even when many of the Lithuanian television and press towers were under Soviet control, CNN constantly kept broadcasts up to date. This he says, shows the importance of the event that took place.

Smulkstys moved to the United States in 1949 with his parents. Since World War II, he has voyaged back to his homeland four times. His first trip was in 1953, then in 1983, again in 1988, and his most recent trip was last summer.

In his lecture, Smulkstys presented the issue of Lithuanian independence in chronological order starting in December 1989. That year the Lithuanian Parliament, under the old system, voted to remove Article 6, which gave the Communist Party a monopoly of power. "This was upsetting to Gorbachev," he said.

New candidates were selected who favored independence and "who would not be swayed or change their minds." After the election of new government officials, Smulkstys said that Lithuania "declared the re-establishment of independence, but they were still officially a part of the Soviet Union."

The second important event that took place, according to Smulkstys, was Gorbachev's visit to Lithuanian. "It was the first time a ruling-party leader went to Lithuania while in office." He added that this momentous event accompanied the national removal of Article 6.

Within the same time frame, Smulkstys said that Lithuania declared their independence. Lithuanian television was seized and he says that virtually the only information available was from CNN broadcasts.

In February 1990, there was another election. However, Smulkstys said that "the only issue was independence. There was The Movement For Reconstruction and the Communist Party of Lithuania separated from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union." Ha

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Lafayette was liberal hero says professor's book

He could be called one of the most famous advocates of human rights and freedoms in world history. Americans call him a hero; the French call him a traitor. One thing has become abundantly clear, however; that General Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier (marquis de) Lafayette was a leader in liberal thought throughout the world in the 18th and 19th centuries.

"The whole history of early liberalism has to be re-thought, especially as communism is dying in eastern Europe. All the issues of government and freedom that those people are wrestling with now were the same in Lafayette's day," said Sylvia E. Neely, associate professor of history.

In Neely's new book, a 10-year period in Lafayette's life is explored in depth for the first time, revealing his role in revolutions and the fight for rights throughout the world--including struggles in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece. Because of his courageous, public support of human rights, many revolutionaries sought him out to aid their efforts. "Lafayette and the Liberal Ideal, 1814-1824: Politics and Conspiracy in an Age of Reaction" was published in October 1991 by southern Illinois University Press.

"Lafayette was convinced that the liberal ideals derived from the Enlightenment and from his personal mentor, George Washington, would prevail," quotes the book jacket.

Neely began the book around 1976, when she was doing graduate work in French history. By 1980, when she earned a doctorate in history from the University of Notre Dame, she was firmly entrenched in the research that led her to libraries throughout the United States and Europe.

"He's really considered more of an American hero," Neely said. "We have so many places in the United States named after him. His vision of what America represented is a theme throughout the book."

Lafayette was encouraged by the fact that the American Revolution had not led to disorder, but rather, to democracy. His American connections are grounded in the American Revolution, which he entered at the age of 19 and served in the continental Army from 1777 to 1781. After the war, Lafayette became enamored of the new American government, idolized George Washington (he named his only son after him), and became close friends with Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. In 1824, he visited the United States as a guest of the government and was greeted with cheers wherever he went.

Back in his native France, Lafayette worked to incorporate some of the same governmental ideas into the existing monarchial structure. In 1789, he introduced the first draft of a "Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen." He took a moderate political stance, advocating a form of constitutional monarchy. As the gulf between monarchists and revolutionaries widened, however, he was soon denounced by both groups as a political enemy. He had to flee the country when the king was toppled, and spent five years captive in Austrian prisons. He returned to France as Napoleon was coming to power.

Neely's book fills a gap in existing scholarship about Lafayette. In her introduction she writes, "Because so few reliable works have been reproduced about his life, even serious and

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Holiday traditions celebrated worldwide

By Tammy Rasnick
News Editor

When Americans think about Christmas, they think of children with visions of sugarplums, Christmas mornings filled with an abundance of gifts, the Claus family, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, and shopping malls filled to capacity. That's what Christmas is all about right? But Christmas in the United States is not like Christmas everywhere else in the world. There are different traditions and customs that in our hustle and bustle, we don't even realize exist.

Irina Korolenko, associate faculty of modern foreign languages, lived in Russia until 1955. Living under Communist rule didn't allow for much Christmas celebration, but her family managed to never miss a Christmas.

"When we lived in Russia everything was suppressed. We were lucky to have a tree. We had to keep the tree hidden in the second room. We managed to have a tree when it was almost impossible. We never missed having a tree. It was not very easy," Korolenko said.

The traditional Russian celebration of Christmas starts on Nov 28. For six weeks they fast, not eating any animals. On Christmas Eve they don't eat all day until they see the first star in the sky. Korolenko laughed as she talked about her boys waiting to see the first star, "My boys were running from one window to another trying to see a star."

A church service was attended on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas morning. In Russia Christmas is on Jan. 7 because they still follow the ancient Julian calendar.

According to Korolenko the old traditions have been stifled because of the government. The traditional Christmas tree has been changed to a New Year tree to avoid any connection with religion. But her family still practices the old Christmas traditions here in the United States, and her hope is to keep the traditions alive so that someday they can come back.

What does Korolenko think about the kind of Christmas Americans celebrate? "Too much shopping and too little religion," she said.

Gebbie Hailemariam and Abeba Osman are both students here at IPFW and from Ethiopia where Christmas is the second most celebrated holiday. The tradition is similar to the Russian tradition. They have a fasting season up until Christmas Eve. After they get home from the Christmas Eve church service, they go home and eat. The next day everyone dresses in long, white flowing cotton dresses and visits close family. According to Abeba, "Everywhere you go, you eat. Everybody feels sick later."

Both Hailemariam and Osman feel that Christmas in the United States is too commercialized. They feel that people are too concerned about getting gifts and lose sight of what's really important.

Meera Mehta, a freshman, came to the United States six years ago from India. The Hindu celebration is in honor of the new year, not Christmas. The celebration begins on the last waning of the moon; this year it was on Nov. 6. When the new moon phase begins they celebrate Diwali, which is the 15th day of celebration. On this night there is no moon sean in the sky so there is a festival of lights. According to Meera, the purpose is, "to let the new year come in bright. Because there is no moon, candles are made of raw cotton and oil and placed in every window and door."

On this day they start cleaning the house, getting rid of all old things. They cook sweet treats and exchange them with friends. Everyone wears a new dress and gifts of money are given.

A prayer, called Lax Mi Poojan, is offered which is a prayer to make good money. At certain times of the day the prayer is recited in places of business in hope of a new year of successful business.

According to Meera, there are a lot of Christian congregations in India as well and, on Christmas day, "you can hear the church bells ringing."

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Hostage release: What were we all waiting for?

Terry Anderson is back home now. For six years and some eight months, Anderson kept his mind and body healthy in a stinking apartment in Beirut, under constant armed guard.

The will of the man is astounding. Anderson had six years of his daughter's life taken away. Six years of his marriage and six years of his family life stolen from him day by day with no clear end in sight.

In the last eight years over 30 Westerners were kidnapped by Shiite terrorists in Lebanon. They demanded the release of Shiite prisoners held in Israeli jails. As captors, the terrorists were brutal. Two American hostages were executed, another died while imprisoned.

Despite the atrocities committed, American anger never flared over their imprisonment.

After the Iranian hostage debacle in the late '70s, President Reagan was quick to take a "no negotiating with terrorists" stance as a staple of foreign policy, to wide public acclaim. When the Lebanese terrorists decided to test our government on the policy, the president was caught in a dilemma. Was the storm weatherable? Was this a bluff the public would let him play out?

Publicly he said yes, privately he felt no. You know already of the botched arms-for-hostages swap enacted by Oliver North and others. The President wished to credit hostage releases to his hardline stance, while giving the terrorists and Iran the tools they needed.

So be suspicious when you are told that the hostages' releases are due to the Zeitgeist of U.S. power after the Gulf War. The releases seem to coincide too closely with the Middle East talks and the 1992 campaign to be solely the result of terrorist frustration.

Indeed, had Anderson not been released, 1992 would have been the fourth election year since his capture. Yet no politician sounded a call for battle, or negotiations, or any action at all.

Politicians found the Lebanon hostages a difficult card to play. They were few in number. Initially, they were held separately, and it was sometimes unclear if the captures were coordinated.

The Shiite demands were clear, but they were a low-profile group. They offered no Ayatollah or Qaddafi to assail. Indeed, the government of Syria and Iran took the role of go-betweens. No politician wanted to make the push for talks with the Iranian Revolutionary Council.

So for three election years the question of "What is to be done about the hostages?" was left untouched. The parties had a lot of side shows (abortion, flag-burning, Willie Horton, Dan Quayle, Gary Hart, David Duke), but Anderson was kept from the picture.

The media didn't help here, either. The Lebanese civil war is too complicated a picture for a 30-second ABC news story. The terrorists offered a few photos or videotapes to show the living, but TV was reluctant to show the tapes of the hanging of William Higgans next to their Jell-O Pudding spots.

So the buck was passed to the public. Americans were ignorant of Middle Eastern politics, let alone the Beirut war miasma, while caring for the hostages' safety, we let "no negotiations with terrorists" stand as a pat answer.

Is it a pat answer when the hostages' imprisonments turn to 10, 20 years? When 30 captives become 100? When terrorists can threaten a plane in the air? Nuclear warheads?

It is typically American malaise. Media and politics have to be in sync to arouse genuine public interest. Joe and Jane Average select a hero to applaud and a villain to hate. Their faces are splashed across all the networks for a couple of weeks and then discarded. Action is left to the two political parties.

But when the villains have no faces, we have no target to aim our anger at. As the years went on, America lost its interest in a fruitless situation. Terrorists held Anderson prisoner for six years, but Americans let him sit there.

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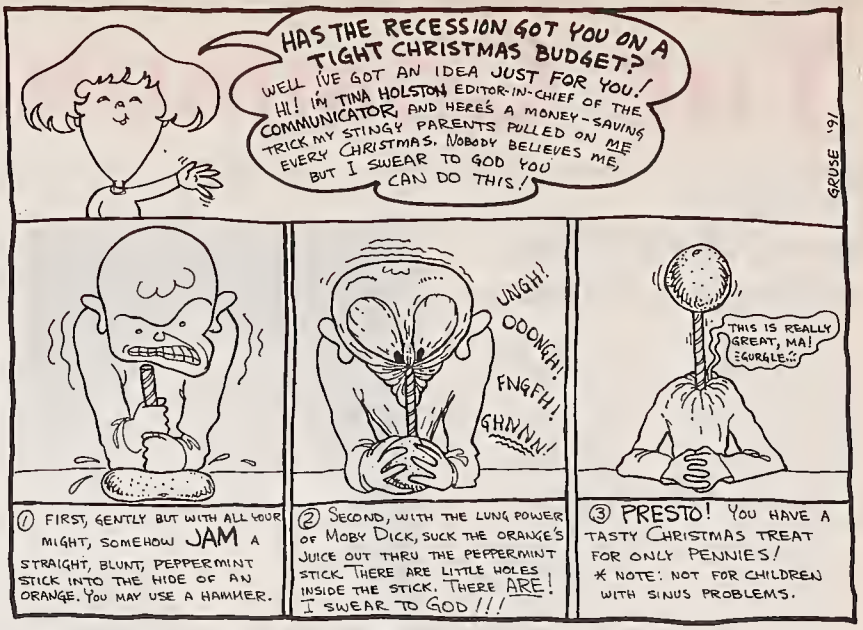

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ritchie says tuition increase for fall 1992

To the Editor:

The Dec. 5, 1991, Communicator took great effort to inform readers about the IPFW budget. I commend you for trying to explain the very complex financial challenges facing us this year. Unfortunately, the challenges continue to mount because we face a $307,000 reduction in our state appropriation for 1992-93.

I do feel it necessary to clarify some of the points you made about the budget and campus construction. You stated that student fees will increase next semester. In fact, fee increases are made only at the beginning of the academic year. Given our projected budget needs and the decrease in state appropriations, we can anticipate a tuition increase in the fall of 1992, similar to the one experienced this year. As far as reallocation and budget cuts are concerned, cost cutting for the entire campus totalled $330,000 in 1991-92, not $330,000 for each major department.

Your comment that IPFW has a two-year budget could be misleading. The state's biennial budget process appropriates funding for the first year (1991-92) and projects appropriations for the second year (1992-93). IPFW's annual operating budget undergoes review and eventual approval by both Boards of Trustees.

A portion of the medical insurance premiums will continue to be paid by IPFW employees. To soften the impact of a conservative salary policy, the University will cover the 1992 incremental cost of medical insurance for Purdue and I.U. employees. In 1993 we expect to return to the customary sharing of cost increases between the University and the employees.

Moving to the article on campus construction, IPFW is fortunate to be in the midst of a large construction boom. The Fine Arts Building vastly improved the quality of space for the fine arts programs. The completion of the Engineering and Technology Building and renovation of Neff Hall will help alleviate the serious space shortage on campus. these two buildings, like most capital construction projects at IPFW, are financed through revenue bonds (not campus reserves) requiring debt service payments many years in duration. The bonds provide dollars up front to pay for new construction, but they require a commitment of principal and interest payments for many years to come. These payments come from our yearly operating budget and are supported by state appropriations called fee replacement. These dollars do not come to us "unhindered" as you implied. The entire process of capital funding is highly competitive among state institutions. Fortunately, the state has recognized our long-term problems due to lack of space and has begun to address these problems by granting us bonding authority.

Your statement about the parking garage funding was not totally accurate. The garage is also being funded through the revenue bond process. All parking operations are self-funded and the primary source of income is the parking fee paid by staff, faculty and students.

For the fiscal year beginning in July, IPFW will return to a normal merit-based salary plan. With the remaining funds, IPFW will try to minimize the effects of inflation on the operating budget and maximize opportunities for making quality improvements. I wish that I could look to the 1993-95 budget process with more optimism, but barring a major turnaround in the state's economy, higher education will continue to face difficult times.

R.H. Ritchie
Vice Chancellor for
Financial Affairs

Frazier-Henry defends emergency meeting

To the Editor:

For those of you who are interested, one of last week's letters to the editor was composed by a member of Indiana Purdue Student Government Association, and not Derek Graham.

Since the writer presented to you one side of the story, I feel that in my role as IPSGA president, I should present the other side of the story.

The internal affairs committee of senate is comprised of four individuals: Scott Beineke (white male, 21 years of age); Mike Will (white male, disabled 33 years of age); Victoria Vinson (black female, 20 years of age); and Katie Grotrian (white female, 19 years of age). These four individuals believed that three individuals in IPSGA had broken several rules. It is the charge of this committee to investigate these kinds of matters. they did investigate and found evidence to support their suspicions. After that, they followed the rules in the IPSGA constitution and "Robert's Rules of Order" in order to seek disciplinary action against the three IPSGA members. The internal affairs committee has followed the rules.

As far as questioning those three members as to their innocence or guilt, the internal affairs committee is not required to ask them anything until the actual impeachment hearing.

What is an impeachment hearing? I find that many IPSGA members as well as students are confused by what impeachment means. Impeachment means to find guilty or innocent. If anyone is found guilty of breaking a rule they can be disciplined. That is the second part of an impeachment hearing. Punishment can be anything, from a slap on the wrist to expulsion.

I am fully empowered by the IPSGA constitution to call a meeting of the entire government. Yes, I called it with less than 24-hours notice, but this was not the first time I had done this. There have been two other situations where I had to give members less than 24 hours notice in an emergency situation.

The author of last week's letter stated that I had specifically asked the three accused members about their availability for this particular meeting. I think the author better double check his "facts." The fact is that after Sunday night's senate meeting, I asked the three members what day would be good for them as far as scheduling their impeachment hearing. Nancy Barger indicated that she had a Monday evening class. Mark Snyder and Sally Green said that no time was good.

The meeting I called the following day was an emergency meeting to determine if the charges brought forth by the articles of impeachment would go before the entire IPSGA. The meeting was supposed to be only fifteen minutes, but actually took twenty-two minutes. At the beginning of the meeting, I specifically stated that this gathering was not meant to debate the specific charges that were before the body. It, again, was meant to determine if the charges brought forth by the internal affairs committee warranted a full trial for those three individuals.

Twenty-nine IPSGA members were present and 27 voted. (Kelsey Keys, chief justice, is a non-voting member, and I chose not to vote). The vote to take these charges to a trial went as follows: Senator Mark Snyder 19 yes, 4 no, 4 abstentions; Senator Nancy Barger 20 yes, 4 no, 3 abstentions; Sally Green 16 yes, 4 no, 5 abstentions. At that time, Chief Justice Keys (who will run the impeachment hearing) set a trial date.

I am not even going to waste your time explaining the Senate Standing Rules. But, again, I will tell you that the author of last week's letter wanted to make you think that this government is solely controlled by three individuals: myself, Scott Beineke and John Weisenburger. The author "forgot" to tell you that the standing rules were authored by myself (in the capacity of the author from 1989-90), Scott Beineke (current chair of internal affairs), John Weisenburger (previous chair of internal affairs), Lori Bishop (past senator), and Robert Murray (past internal affairs chair). If you would like to see the Senate Standing Rules, please come the Walb 225 and we'll be more than happy to provide you a copy.

Oh yes! If you are curious about the part where "senate shall cast a secret ballot vote on all petitioners to senate," please speak to Senator Felix Moxter or perhaps Senator Mark Snyder. In the senate meeting of June 13, 1991, Senator Moxter motioned to have secret ballots to vote for petitioners, Senator Snyder seconded.

Members of IPSGA are sick and tired of the smoke screen that senators Snyder, Barger, and Green have placed before the student body. There is no racism or ageism involved. The fact of the matter is that this government has reason to believe that rules by these individuals were broken, some many times.

If you have any questions about IPSGA, please feel free to call me at 481-6588, or stop by Walb 225.

Health fee criticized

To the Editor:

In the next eight weeks, the Indiana University Board of Trustees will determine whether or not a mandatory health insurance fee will be imposed on the students of all eight Indiana University campuses, including ALL students at IPFW.

I am particularly concerned about this mandatory fee for two reasons: 1) the short period of time to make a decision that will impact IPFW students for many years, and 2) the lack of student input.

Let me give you some background on the situation. At the Oct. 31 I.U. Board of Trustees meeting, the eight student body presidents brought forth their concern about the outregeous premiums paid by students for health care insurance. Trustee John Walda believed that the situation merited an investigation and formed a task force comprised of trustees, administrators and students (none from IPFW) to report back on the situation and possible alternative.

At the Dec. 7 I.U. Board of Trustees Meeting, the task force brought forth an alternative they believed to be feasible. The alternative is to impose a $25 health insurance fee on ALL members of the eight I.U. campuses. That $25 fee (covering a nine-month period) would cover a student up to $2500 per occurrence of an accidental situation. Besides the $25 fee, a student could elect to have more comprehensive insurance, paying an additional amount. Students could obtain a waiver from this fee if they provide proof of other insurance.

We, the eight student body presidents, were very willing to do whatever we could to gather student input as quickly as possible. However, it has been decided that a focus group, set up by the vice chancellor of student affairs for each campus, will determine if this fee will be imposed or not.

I applaud the efforts of the task force, but I have a serious problem with the method it is using to gather its data. How can 30 or so students from each of the eight campuses effectively measure the opinions and needs of 60,000 students?

Using this "quick-fix" solution to the health care situation is irresponsible. I hope students care enough about this to voice their concerns to the administration. What you may not realize is that once a mandatory fee is imposed on you, the likelihood of it ever going away is next to zero.

Kristina Frazier-Henry
Student Body President

VOICES

Q. Does Helmke Library adequately serve your academic needs?

Amy Drew
Sophomore
Fine Arts
"No. It seems like whenever I go to look for materials for a project either the library doesn't carry that magazine or book or it is missing, so lately I just go to the main library downtown. They have everything I need and a whole lot more."

Gloribel Nieves
Junior
Graphic Design
"I think that it is a very good library."

Miki Sutton
Graduate
Biology
"No, I don't find this library adequate at all. I find I need to request almost everything I need through Document Delivery."

Rosann Estevez
Sophomore
Anthropology
"I don't think I've ever checked out an actual book, but it's comfortable for a quick morning or afternoon nap."

Hernando Estevez
Junior
Philosophy
"It has all of the necessary services for students, but they are not well known by students."

Have a Merry Christmas and eat lots of bacon

By Jim Walker
Managing Editor

Traditionally, Christmas is a time when many of us type up a five to eight page "wish list," photo copy it and mail it to all of our blood relatives.

This holiday season, I've decided to pass on publishing my own personal "wish list." Instead, I've taken the more noble route - I've written a "Wish List for the World."

Note that the items on the list benefit the entire world, not just myself. Doesn't that make you feel like slugs? You asked for a camcorder? Hah!

Anyway, here's the list.

1. Wish: An act of Congress or God forces cable companies to quit running paid programming like "The Ronco Show," "How to Become a Millionaire Selling Swampland," and "Three Hours of Soloflex Fun." Desired result: In place of these shows, cable weasels would have to run quality programming like "The New Munsters."

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3. Wish: Caught up with the Christmas spirit, Chancellor Joanne Lantz announces that A parking now stands for anarchy. Desired result: Lantz also announces that if two people come to one A spot at the same time, the two should step out of their cars and beat each other with clubs. The last one standing gets the spot.

4. Wish: In a gesture of universal good will, the news media takes a three- day break from the Magic Johnson story. Desired result: Nine million trees are saved.

5. Wish: All video rental stores announce that in an effort to boost the U.S. economy, they will pardon all outstanding late dues. Libraries soon follow suit. Desired result: I get to rent Porky's II again, finally!

6. Wish: Bette Midler finds God. Desired effect: Joins convent, never bothers us again. That's a wish "For the Boys."

7. Wish: Embattled senator Nancy Barger is hit on the head by an anvil. Desired effect: She remembers everything! We were right the whole time!

And she just resigns!

WELL THAT'S IT - You have just finished the last Angle of 1991, so how do you feel? Kind of tingly, I bet. Well, we hope you have a fine holiday season. I know that I will enjoy spending several hours tortured by the sights and sounds of the season. Here's a holiday tip: eat a lot of bacon.

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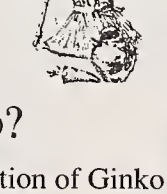

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20 Winter Solstice Whole Earth Christmas Celebration with the Paul Winter Consort, 9:00 p.m.
21 Christmas Music: The Jazz Feeling, 9:00 p.m.
22 Voices of Christmas, 7:00 p.m. The Seattle Group Theatre presents a multicultural viewpoint to the holidays.
23 Readings for the Season: "The Christmas Horses", 7:30 p.m. From a work by Laura Ingalls Wilder.
Dickens' "A Christmas Tree", 10:00 p.m. Dramatic reading from the Dickens story.

Christmas Eve

24 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 10:00 a.m. This annual live broadcast featuring the King's College Choir will also be rebroadcast at 10.00 p.m.
Jonathan Winters' "A Christmas Carol", 4:00 p.m. Winters narrates and performs all the male roles in this Dickens Christmas classic.
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New Year's Eve

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New Year's Day

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Review

Margaret Atwood's 'Cat's Eye' makes a striking vacation read

By Mike Wade
Staff Writer

"Cat's Eye"
Margaret Atwood
Bantam
445 pages

For years Margaret Atwood has been dazzling her readers with her ruthless character portraits and never faltering prose. Atwood has written both poetry and nonfiction, but she is best known for her novels, which include such works as "Life Before Man," "The Edible Woman" and "The Handmaid's Tale."

In her international bestseller, "The Handmaid's Tale," Atwood led her readers on a chilling journey into a future of fear, degradation and helplessness. Now in her recent novel, "Cat's Eye," Atwood guides us through the labyrinth of the reality and illusions of life.

The heroine of "Cat's Eye," painter Elaine Risley, returns to her childhood home of Toronto where an art gallery has arranged a retrospective of her art. Once in Toronto, Elaine is bombarded with memories of her past. One of her most daunting memories is that of her childhood playmate Cordelia, who ruled the trio of girls who taught Elaine of the ruthless loyalty and betrayal of youth's friendships. Elaine must wrestle with and conquer her own fears, guilt and hatred that came to life in those days of her youth and have carried over into her adult life.

"Cat's Eye" tells a story so real and emotional that it will appeal to a wide audience. It's a rare find for the casual reader. The story never drags. Instead it may transport you back to your own childhood. Describing the bizarre and magical rituals of youth in such wonderful detail that you can't help getting caught up in the drama.

"Cordelia and I are riding on the streetcar, going downtown, as we do on winter Saturdays. The streetcar is muggy with twice-breathed air and the smell of wool. Cordelia sits with nonchalance, nudging me with her elbow now and then, staring blankly at the other people with her gray-green eyes, opaque and glinting as metal. She can outstare anyone, and I am almost as good. We're impervious, we scintillate, we are thirteen."

Atwood carries the authenticity of her characters into a new dimension of reality, keeping constantly in step with the age-determined priorities of the characters.

Atwood's real cunning comes through in the fact that this book will also appeal to the English professors and symbolism fanatics of the world. As Atwood guides the casual reader through the labyrinth of the reality and illusions of life, she allows the more serious reader to step back from the story and view it as an outsider. In this way the reader can identify many of the contradictions in the life of a modern-day woman. Atwood gently nudges us toward a higher understanding of the world around us and how the expectations placed on us by ourselves and others, as well as our life experiences, can cloud our vision of reality and success.

The extraneous characters in the book offer us a view of the world as it would be seen by a mere observer of life, rather than the tinted view of an actual participant. That detachment gives us the ability to see that life will go on without us, and that reality is not what we perceive, but what is there when we are not around to perceive it.

Elaine must struggle with the terrible truth that her perception of life may not be the true reality of the situation.

"It's as if I've been standing outside in the dark and a shade has snapped up, over a lighted window, revealing the life that's been going on inside in all its clarity and detail. There is that glimpse during which I can see. And then not. A wave of blood goes up to my head. I don't want to know."

Elaine gives to us a rare and precious glimpse into the world around us, opening our eyes to the wonders and sorrows of life that perpetuate themselves, as we blindly trudge though our lives looking at the world through black tinted glasses.

Margaret Atwood's "Cat's Eye" is guaranteed to delight the reader. Her humorous, compassionate, heartbreaking portrayal of Elaine's childhood will stay with the reader long after the book has been lost.

Bestsellers aren't the best books

By Chad Hesting
Features Editor

Top Ten Bestsellers of 1991

An unscientific and probably inaccurate listing of America's favorite books, with unsolicited commentary.

1. **"Scarlett"** by Alexandra Ripley. Inspired by the Warner Brothers accounting department. It's irrelevant who got hired to write Miz Scarlett back to life; it's the payoff that matters!

"Scarlett" is the story of a fabulously beautiful heroine who travels to Ireland, endures personal trauma, finds great success and gets her man. Buy it or wait for the six-part mini series, starring Susan Lucci as Scarlett O'Hara.

2. **"Millie's Book"** by Millie Bush, "as dictated to Barbara Bush." It's about the life of a dog in the White House. This book's success wouldn't be funny, unless you keep in mind that it outsold Ronald Reagan's autobiography 3-to-1. I bet if Millie the dog had sold missiles to the Iranians, she wouldn't have "forgot."

3. **"Wealth Without Risk"** by Charles Givens. Who's going to resist a title like that? Tack an $12.95 list price onto the cover, and Mr. Givens' plan does indeed become risk-free.

4. **"Message from 'Nam"** by Danielle Steele. File under humor. Cover can best be described as "camo-glitter." Steele dons a Banana Republic shirt and leans on an old typewriter for authenticity. Her face is still air-brushed, though.

"'Nam" is a story of a fabulously beautiful heroine who travels to Vietnam, endures personal trauma, finds great success and gets her man.

5. **"It Was On Fire When I Lay Down On It"** by Robert Fulghum. Kindergarten philosophy. Fulghum's so full of warm fuzzies, he reminds me of a lint trap. Perfect for Xeroxing. Put a page on your refrigerator door, and be inspired every time you go for a Ho-Ho.

6. **"The Sum of All Fears"** by Tom Clancy. Nuclear shoot-em-up in the Mideast. For big boys who like deadly toys.

7. **"Nancy Reagan: The Unauthorized Biography"** by Kitty Kelley. Also known as "The Shaming of the Shrew." Everyone knew "Mommy" was a hard woman to love; she hated drugs and Raisa Gorbachev with equal fervor, but making it with Frank in the White House? Bad taste. Look at the bright side though; it might have been Geraldo.

8. **"Needful Things"** by Stephen King - "The Last Castle Rock Story." With demon dogs and killer clowns already roaming the streets of Castle Rock, you'd think property values would have gone down the hole. Pray for writer's block.

9. **"Aspen Gold"** by Janet Dailey. The story of a fabulously beautiful heroine who endures personal trauma, finds great success and gets her man.

10. **"No Greater Love"** by Danielle Steele. The story of a fabulously beautiful heroine who endures personal trauma, finds great success and gets her man.

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Review

Four Horsemen prove a fine line between dumb and fun

By Chad Hesting
Features Editor
The Four Horsemen
"Nobody Said It Was Easy"
Def American Records

Being dumb isn't as easy as it looks. Finding the right blend of three chords combined with basest teenage urges can be a task.

The Ramones aspire to be dumb, but their wit keeps slipping through the cracks. (Two song titles: "The KKK Took My Baby Away" and "Every Time I Eat Vegetables I Think of You.") Kiss can't decide if it was better (dumber) with makeup on or off. AC/DC has the right dumb stuff, but after ten years of having "A Drink on Me" I worry for the group's livers.

Four Horsemen producer Rick Rubin has been looking for that blend for several years. He had it on The Cult's "Electric" record, but the group ditched him to reach for Zep-hood lablemates. The Black Crowes came close, but they love their fake R&B ballads too much.

Rubin struck paydirt with the Horsemen this year. Well, to be truthful, it was last year. Singer Frank Starr recently finished a six-month bid in the L.A. county jail for aggravated assault, a term that stopped the Horsemen's work on this record last summer and kept them from touring.

Now that's really dumb.

As with other Rubin-produced rock bands like The Cult, the Beastie Boys and Trouble, AC/DC's "Back in Black" serves as the sonic model for "Nobody." Chunky, choked-off chords from the guitar line combine with bass that's mixed loud. Horsemen drummer Ken Montgomery imitates the Neanderthal 4/4 of AC/DC skinsman extraodinaire Phil Rudd.

The tunes are the Horsemen's own, though. The tempo starts fast and stays fast; your toe won't stop tapping.

The title tune starts the record off in high style. Guitarist Haggis proves himself a first-rate riff man, while Starr's raspy high-pitched voice pours plenty of attitude over the song.

You've heard all the lyrics on "Nobody" before, though. The song titles tell the tale: "Rockin' Is Ma Business, " "Let It Rock," "Can't Stop Rockin'."

Odes to the "outlaw rocker" myth abound here. It seems the singer's always got the wheel in one hand, the sheriff's daughter's knee in the other, the sheriff in the rear view mirror and contraband in the trunk. One particularly funny lyric is in the tune "Hot Head." After describing the charms of a "rich man's daughter," Starr declares, "But she can't have the keys to my Chevrolet!" He then spends the whole verse describing his tricked-out Chevy, forgetting his woman entirely.

Who cares if it's not poetry, though? You'll find yourself dancing and shouting along regardless. "Nobody" is a loud, rowdy record. If you like rock 'n" roll, you'll love this stuff.

One minor quibble, though. On the second side, a tune called "7S Again" celebrates the current rock 'n' roll rebirth, because "It feels like '75 again!"

No, it doesn't. Rock 'n' roll might be aging, but that doesn't mean that old always equals good. The 1991 rock 'n' roll picture is hot and colorful enough for me, thank you. The Four Horsemen have taken the low road, and there's no reason they shouldn't be happy with that, here and now.

Mayo story published in 'Heartlands' book

By Kelli E. Beery
Copy Editor

Rejection can turn into acceptance. At least that is the experience of Wendell Mayo, assistant professor of English. Mayo sent his book of short stories to Larry Smith, co-managing editor of "The Heartlands Today," a collection of essays, short stories and poems that has a Midwest theme to it. Smith sent Mayo a rejection letter but stated that a short story in the manuscript had the possibility of being published in "The Heartlands Today." Mayo sent back that short story, and it was accepted.

Mayo's short story is "Heating and Cooling People." "These are the people that fix your furnaces and fix your air conditioning when they break," said Mayo. "If you've ever had that happen, of course, you want it done soon. So they are constantly being called out to fix other people's problems. What intrigued me about that premise is a sort of ironic sense: While they're taking care of other people's problems, how are they taking care of their own?"

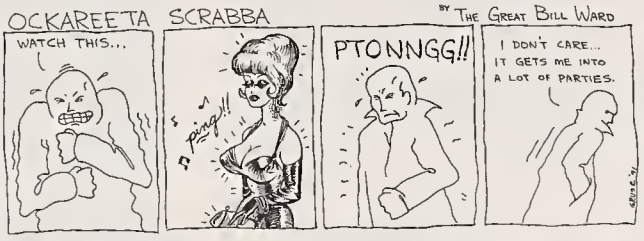
The setting of the short story is in the Midwest, but the concern is not only in the Midwest, said Mayo, it is all over. "Settling alone doesn't make a piece of fiction," Mayo stated.

For being published, Mayo received an honorarium through the Ohio Arts Council, which supports the publication.

He started writing 10 years ago when he had something to say, said Mayo. "I think if somebody had something to say, they ought to write and they ought to try to get it published. They shouldn't let anyone or anybody intimidate them," said Mayo.

Mayo received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Toledo, a master's of fine arts in writing fiction from Vermont College, and a doctorate in 20th century British and American literature from Ohio University.

Mayo also writes articles for scholarly journals, reviews of other authors' works, short stories, poems and essays. About a dozen of Mayo's short stories have been published, he said.



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Saint Nick

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certain day of the year.

However in many Central and South American countries where the Catholic religious spirit dominates, it is the infant Jesus rather than Santa Claus to whom this generosity is attributed.

In many countries, says the World Book, people exchange presents on a day other than Christmas.

In the Netherlands and Belgium, Saint Nicholas visits on Saint Nicholas Eve, Dec. 5. He leaves gifts in shoes children leave by the fireplace. He is often accompanied by a character named Black Pete, who carries a birch rod to whip naughty children. People in Austria, Hungary and parts of Germany also celebrate Saint Nicholas Eve.

In some parts of Germany, gifts are delivered at Christmastime by Knecht Rupprecht or Christkind. From the name Christkind came the character Kris Kringle, the angel-like figure who brings gifts at Christmas.

In Sweden, the Jultomten, an elf-like character, brings gifts on Christmas Eve; in Norway the elf is called Julenissen. In Denmark it is Yule man who brings gifts and engages in games around the Christmas tree.

In Italy there is a female Santa Claus, Befana; she has a Russian counterpart, Babouschka, recently changed to Grandfather Frost, according to Collier's Encyclopedia.

Even in far away countries like Australia and South Africa, Father Christmas, despite heat and torrid conditions of weather, descends chimneys to bring gifts for children and add joy to the eating of turkey and plum pudding.

The tiny elf of the early 19th century United States has grown into the full-sized persona of our present-day department store Santa Claus.

Lithuania

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added that the two parties were not related at all.

By January of 1991, Smulkstys said that "the Soviet army had targeted and seized important buildings." The press was the main target, he said, because the television towers and newspapers were the first to be overtaken. "There was little bloodshed," he continued.

According to Smulkstys, the events that took place in the Soviet Union were overshadowed by the war with Iraq. "All attention was focused there so no one really looked at the importance of what was going on in Eastern Europe." Although there was much turmoil within the Soviet Union, he said that the events "increased the determination of the Lithuanian people."

During the summer of 1991, Smulkstys again returned to Lithuanian. He said that while he was visiting, "the mood was not good, and the country was in a state of poor economics." That summer there were several attacks on Lithuanian customs officials that were meant to provoke retaliation, especially while President George Bush was visiting the Soviet Union. "The attacks were also meant to embarrass Gorbachev since Bush was there."

Instead of violent retaliation, Smulkstys said that the people set up demonstrations and strikes. Finally Lithuanian, Estonia and Latvia were recognized as independent Baltic republics by the Soviet Union. He said, "This ended 50 years under Soviet control, and today over 100 countries have recognized the Baltic states as being independent."

At the end of the lecture, audience members asked about the situation of the Baltics today. Smulkstys responded, "Things are not always that easy for them." Currently they are facing economic and ethnic problems, with a continuous presence of Soviet troops. He said that the original objective of the three republics was to return to the land and farm, but "many young people don't want to stay in farming."

One foreign audience member did mention the food system within Lithuania and pointed out that, although agriculture is on the decline, there is no shortage of food in the area.

As the discussion concluded, some Lecture-goers lingered to discuss topics more thoroughly.

Phil Kennel, director of international services re-emphasized the importance of the Lithuanian liberation and the example it can serve to other small republics.

Awareness

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bit at a time so there is more public acceptance of it," he said.

The other priority of the commission is to establish an open container law, essentially prohibiting people from drinking and driving at the same time.

Bailey noted that every driver in the state is required, if there is reasonable cause, to take a BAC test or risk losing his or her driver's license. Individuals give their "implied consent" to a blood, breath or urine test for alcohol or other drugs when they receive their Indiana driver's license.

"Indiana law also allows the refusal to take the test as evidence against a person in a court proceeding," Bailey noted. "The bottom line is that in many communities in the state, refusing the test ends up creating more serious sanctions than taking the test and failing it."

Bailey said that whether or not holiday roadblocks are operated is dictated by local law enforcement and prosecution philosophies.

In many parts of the state there will be random roadblocks during the holidays, he said. Roadblocks have been ruled by the U.S. Supreme Court to be legal and not an infringement to individual rights when done under generally accepted protocols.

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Lafayette

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careful scholars make errors when dealing with Lafayette. For a knowledge of his later years, one must turn to charavay (Etienne Charavay's 1898 one-volume biography), who devotes only 19 pages to the period 1815-1824."

Due both to the lack of published material and its unreliability, Neely had to research original source for her book. This meant trips to numerous libraries throughout the United States, and France, combing through reams of letters, diaries, and legal documents. She found materials at the British Museum, Library of Congress, Lilly Library at Indiana University of Virginia, Cornell University, and Duke University. Fluent in French (Neely has a bachelors and masters in French language and literature), she was able to work through such materials.

"You simply could not do this kind of research if you didn't know the language," she said. Neely, who was raised in Latin America and was bilingual as a child, still reads Spanish with ease and some Italian.

Starting in 1978, while working on her doctoral dissertation, Neely began a series of trips to France to do work at the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, the Paris National Archives, and departmental archives throughout the country. She found some material by luck. She describes one such incident.

"I was in a library and there just happened to be a man there from Le Mans who was cataloguing local newspapers. I told him what I was doing and he said he knows someone who had letters that Lafayette had written to Charles Goyet, a lawyer who edited his own liberal newspaper. The letters were part of a private family collection and had never been published. I found the family and they kindly let me look at the letters. In France, many historical documents are part of family heritage and cannot be given away. I couldn't even get copies of some letters I wanted. The Lafayette heir is sitting on a bunch of papers right now, but he and his wife are childless, and those should become accessible some day when they die."

According to Neely, Lafayette himself is best understood through his actions, not his words. "I don't think you could write a psychobiography," she said. "He wasn't a political philosopher; he wasn't an intellectual. He was a simple man, a general, and not an introspective writer. His lack of facility with words has hurt his reputation with historians. Yet he was one of the most famous people in Europe, because of all of his political connections with liberal groups."

Her book focuses on those connections and draws circles of influential people around Lafayette. Those people included Frances "Fanny" Wright, a young Scotswoman, about 40 years his junior, who shared his enthusiasm for the United States and wrote her own book in praise of U.S. society; Benjamin Constant, a political ally and fellow deputy in the Chamber; Jeremy Bentham, the British reformer and U.S. President James Monroe, who invited him to visit the United States as an honored guest in 1824.

"I hope people who read this book will have a better understanding of what he was trying to do," Neely said. "It was my intention in the book to get people to look at him more objectively."

According to Stanley M. Izerda, editor of a five-volume edition of Lafayette's letters during the American Revolution, she succeeded. He wrote in a critique of work:

"I was impressed by the thoroughness with which Neely has combed the sources and the suppleness with which she has woven them into a fresh, original account....it seems to me clear that she has joined Spitzer and Pinkney as the best-qualified Americans in the era of the Restoration and the Orleans regime that follows."

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Basketball action

Mastodons stay unbeaten

By Mark Donaldson
Sports Editor

The IPFW men's basketball team continued to roll with a pair of wins that brought its season record to 4-0. The Mastodons beat Purdue University at Calumet 95-80 at home on Thursday, Dec. 5. On Saturday IPFW traveled to Quincy College and defeated the Hawks 99-82.

The 'Dons were coming off two decisive wins when they faced Purdue-Calumet and found themselves down 42-41 at halftime. IPFW turned up the defensive pressure and outscored the Lakers 54-38 in the second half.

Junior Sean Gibson paced the 'Dons with 23 points and 13 rebounds in 35 minutes of play. Senior Clarence Rich chipped in 14 points, four steals and three assists while senior Kevin Shank hit 4-of-5 from the field and both his free throws for 10 points. Junior Andre Walton dished out nine assists to go with eight points.

Although the fans in Quincy College's Memorial Gymnasium cast themselves in the "sixth man" role, their presence hasn't helped the Hawks this season. Quincy fell to 0-7 with the loss to the 'Dons.

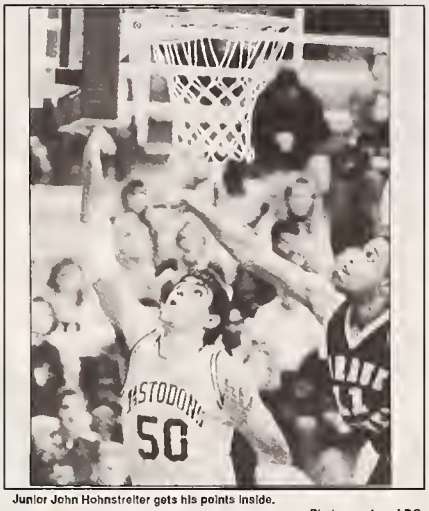
IPFW held the Hawks to 12-of-34 shooting in the first half to go into the locker room up 43-35. The scoring pace picked up in the second half, but the result was the same as the 'Dons outscored Quincy 56-47 to seal the victory.

Senior Eric Vaughn scored a career-high 20 points to lead five Mastodons in double figures. He hit 3-of-5 three-point shots while passing out seven assists and picking off three steals in 26 minutes.

Gibson grabbed 15 rebounds, had 17 points and three assists. Also scoring in double figures for the 'Dons were junior Pat Murphy with 16 points and six rebounds, junior John Hohnstreiter with 13 points and 10 boards, and Rich with 10 points. Rich has hit a three-pointer in 22 straight games.

The Hawks, who hit just 30-of-76 field goals, were led by Todd Sigel's 20 points.

IPFW, averaging over 90 points a game, face highly regarded Gannon University on the road on Dec. 30, the 'Dons open Great Lakes Valley Conference play at home against St. Joseph's College on Jan. 2.



Junior John Hohnstreiter gets his points inside.
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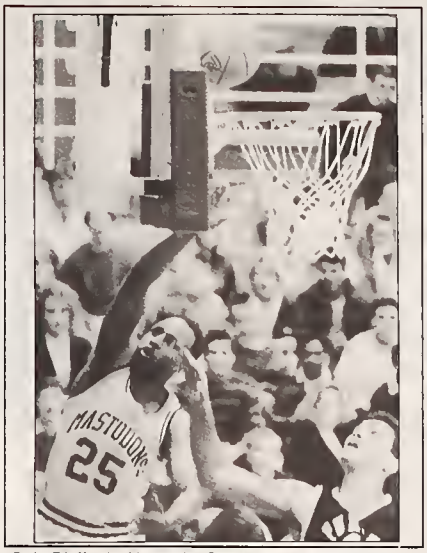

Senior Eric Vaughn drives against Purdue-Calumet. Vaughn is averaging 16.5 points a game.
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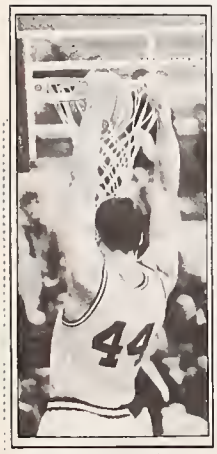
Senior Clarence Rich has hit at least one three-point shot in 22 straight games.



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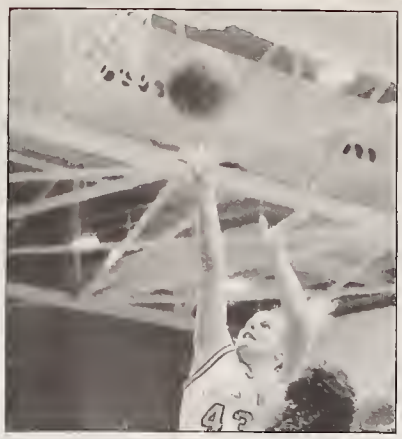

Junior Pam Edward powers inside for a basket. Edwards averages 12 points a game.

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The Donettes, the new IPFW dance squad, debut Jan. 2 during the basketball double-header vs. St. Joseph's College.

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Lady 'Dons split fall to 3-2

By Mark Donaldson
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Sports Editor

The IPFW women's basketball team won the first game of the Bulldog Clarion Classic in Big Rapids, Mich. on Friday before falling in the championship game on Saturday. To reach the final game, the Lady 'Dons downed the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown 80-76. In the championship, host Ferris State outscored IPFW 30-24 in the second half to seal the 62-57 victory.

Against Pitt-Johnstown the Lady 'Dons overcame a 35-point performance by forward Amy Kessler for the victory. Kessler hit 12-of-20 field goals, including 4-of-7 from the three-point line, while grabbing eight rebounds and seven steals.

IPFW led by senior Lisa Miller's 27 points and eight assists. Miller also had six rebounds and two steals. Junior Tina Menier tallied a career-high 23 points while hitting 5-of-7 three-point shots. Junior Amy Hogan chipped in 12 points, while senior Shelly Sands had 10 points and six rebounds. Junior Pam Edwards headed the Lady 'Dons' rebounding efforts with 10.

Returning for Saturday afternoon's title game the Lady 'Dons took a 33-32 lead into the locker room at halftime and led 48-46 with 4:45 remaining. Ferris State outscored IPFW 16-9 from that point on to wrap up the victory.

Miller, who is averaging 27 points per game, scored 22 while collecting eight rebounds and three assists. Edwards had 16 points, 10 rebounds and three steals. Sands had six points and seven rebounds while playing all 40 minutes.

Ferris State was led by Jeanette Banach's 22 points and 10 rebounds. Miller was selected to the all-tournament team along with Menier, who had seven assists Saturday.

The Lady 'Dons, 3-2 for the season, face Tri-State University tonight at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Center. On Saturday Grand Valley State University visits for a 3 p.m. contest. The Lakers defeated IPFW 101-64 last season.

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